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1. A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:
- a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway, wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a utility wall plate abutting a wall; and
 - an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway.
2. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is molded.
3. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is extruded.
4. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is pliable.
5. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is stiff.
6. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component molded directly therein.
7. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet comprises an arthropod deterring component applied therein.

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9. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an opening through the utility wall plate intended for access of a utility receptical therethrough.
10. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a space between the utility wall plate and the wall to which it abuts.
11. The barrier implement of claim 1 wherein the opposing ends of this sheet are substantially equal in length, and an opening defined through the sheet is intended for receipt of the utility receptacle therethrough.

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21. A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:
- a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway, wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by an exterior surface of a narrow or elongated structure and provide a vermin impervious obstruction to the arthropods crawling along the narrow or the elongated structure;
 - an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway; and

a shield for the barrier implement.

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22. A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

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a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway, wherein the barrier implement is configured to correspond to a flange; and

an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway.

23. The barrier implement of claim 22 wherein the sheet is configured in an O-shape to fit behind a flange used for obstructing a route of travel along elongated structures.